



Welcome to our *Game Changer* Devo for week 2! Throughout this series, we are learning what it looks like to be on God's team and that two are better than one! This week, we are learning that On God's Team, Players Show Respect! *Let's get this game started*, we know you will learn so much!

Day 1: We Welcome One Another

Scripture Reading: Exodus 18:1-8

Devotional:

Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, heard about all the amazing things God had done for the Israelites. He brought Moses' wife and sons to meet him in the wilderness. Moses showed respect by welcoming Jethro with kindness. Then he took time to tell him everything God had done to rescue the Israelites from Egypt. When we're on God's team, we should treat others with kindness and respect. We show respect when we share what God has done in our lives instead of trying to take all the credit ourselves. Whether it's welcoming a new kid at school, saying hello to someone at church, or spending time with a grandparent, our kindness helps others feel loved and valued. God wants His family to be a place where everyone is welcomed with love.

Discussion:

1. How did Moses show respect to Jethro when they met?
2. What are some ways you can help others feel welcomed this week?

Prayer:

God, thank You for welcoming me into Your family. Help me treat others with kindness and respect so they can see Your love through me. Amen!

Day 2: Respect Means Listening and Caring

Scripture Reading: Exodus 18:9-18

Devotional:

As Jethro listened to Moses tell about God's faithfulness, he praised God and worshiped Him. The next day, Jethro watched Moses spend all day helping the people. From morning until evening, Moses worked without stopping. Jethro cared about Moses. Jethro kindly told Moses that trying to do everything alone wasn't good for him or for God's people. Sometimes the people who love us the most tell us things we need to hear, even if they are not always easy to hear. Parents, teachers, pastors, and other trusted adults want to help us grow and make wise choices. Respect means listening carefully when someone gives us loving advice. Instead of becoming upset, defensive, or refusing to listen, we can have humble hearts that are willing to learn. God often uses wise people to guide us. When we respect them enough to listen, we grow stronger and wiser!

Discussion:

1. Why can it be hard to hear advice or correction from people that love us?
2. Who are some people in your life that God might want you to encourage and give advice too?

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for the wise people You have placed in my life. Help me listen with humility and learn from those who care about me. Amen!

Day 3: Everyone Has a Part to Play

Scripture Reading: Exodus 18:19-23

Devotional:

Jethro didn't just point out a problem, rather he also suggested a solution. He encouraged Moses to choose trustworthy leaders who could help care for the people. Moses would continue leading the nation, but others would share the responsibility. This was a wonderful reminder that God's work is never meant to be done by just one person. Everyone has different gifts, abilities, and jobs that help God's people. The same is true in our families, churches, and schools today. Some people teach, some sing, some help clean up, some welcome guests, and some encourage others. Every job matters because every person matters. When we're on God's team, we respect each other by appreciating the gifts God has given everyone.

Discussion:

1. Can it be hard sometimes to let others help us?
2. What is one way you can use your gifts to help your family, at church, or with friends?

Prayer:

God, thank You for giving each of us different gifts. Help me appreciate others and gladly do my part on Your team. Amen!

Day 4: Humility Shows Respect

Scripture Reading: Exodus 18:24-27

Devotional:

After listening to Jethro's advice, Moses chose leaders to help him. Because Moses was humble enough to listen, everyone benefited. The people received help more quickly and Moses wasn't carrying every burden alone. It takes humility to admit we don't know everything. When we're on God's team, we don't always have to be the leader or have all the answers. Sometimes following Jesus means listening well, learning from others, and encouraging the people around us. It's about valuing the people God has placed in our lives and believing that everyone has something important to contribute.

Activity: "Encouragement Circle"

As a family, take turns sharing one thing you appreciate about each family member and one way you've seen them help each other recently. Then, as a family, talk about one responsibility each person has around the house and how working together helps everyone. End by praying for one another and thanking God for giving each family member unique gifts that help your family work as a team.

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for placing me on Your team. Help me be humble, respect others, and work together with love so that I can honor You every day. Amen!

Memory Verse

"Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do."

Ecclesiastes 4:9 NIRV

